



HYBRID GOOSE SEEN ?

On the field trip to San Pablo Reservoir on Dec. 9, 1951, as reported in *THE GULL*, 34, 2 (Jan. 1952), we saw what appeared to be a Canada goose, but with a white head and neck. In an article in *THE AUK*, 69, 525-8 (Oct. 1952), "Hybridization of Canada Geese with Blue Geese in the Wild," by Harvey K. Nelson, there is a picture of a Canada goose—blue goose hybrid which looks very much like the bird we saw. It appears probable that our bird was a similar hybrid and not a partial albino.

A. LAURENCE CURL

ORINDA LAKE AND SAN PABLO RESERVOIR TRIP

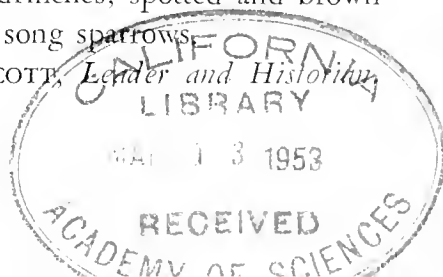
On November 30th, a cold, overcast day, thirty-eight members and friends (plus one dog) observed birds at Orinda Lake, where eight hooded mergansers were seen, and at San Pablo Reservoir, where about 500 Canada geese were on the water and feeding on the shore, also hundreds of gulls. Part of the group returned by way of Tilden Park and Jewel Lake.

The following 57 species were observed:

Pied-bl. grebe; double-cr. cormorant; Canada goose; mallard; baldpate; pintail; Amer. golden-eye; ruddy duck; hooded merganser; red-tl. hawk; Calif. quail; coot; killdeer; glaucous-wg., Herring, Calif. and ring-bl. gulls; red-sh. flicker; Acorn (Calif.) woodpecker; yellow-bellied (red-br.) sapsucker; hairy, downy and Nuttall woodpeckers; bk. phoebe; Stellar and scrub jays; chestnut-bk. chickadee; plain titmouse; bush-tit; slender-bl. nuthatch; wren-tit; winter wren; mockingbird; robin; varied and hermit thrushes; west. bluebird; golden-cr. and ruby-cr. kinglets; Amer. pipit; cedar waxwing; loggerhead shrike; myrtle and Audubon warblers; house sparrow; Brewer blackbird; Calif. purple finch; pine siskin; common and green-backed goldfinches; spotted and brown towhees; Ore. junco; white-cr., golden-cr. fox and song sparrows.

— FRANK A. SCOTT —

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DECEMBER — CONN LAKE — TRIP

A warm sunny day, an abundance of birds, and permission to visit an arm of Conn Lake not visited hereofore by the Golden Gate Audubon Society made this a close to perfect December field trip.

Approximately thirty-five people were present.

After birding along the Silverado Trail approach to Conn Lake and on the side of the lake where the road runs, Mr. Dunlap guided us to his friend Mr. Wilcox's ranch fronting on the opposite shore where we were able to get quite close to sixty-three Whistling Swans and some one hundred Canada Geese.

Other highlights were three Red-bellied Hawks, and a Golden Eagle which flew very close to the group and even perched in a Digger Pine some 130 yards away. Eighteen species of waterfowl were observed, Wood Ducks were fairly common. At one place several of these ducks were seen perched on branches of trees about eight feet above the water.

The following 74 species were seen.

Horned, eared, western, and pied-billed grebes; double-cr. cormorant; great blue heron; Amer. egret; green heron; black-cr. night heron; whistling swan; Canada, white-fronted and snow geese; mallard; gadwall; baldpate; pintail; green-winged teal; shoveller; wood duck; ring-necked duck; canvasback; Amer. golden-eye; bufflehead; ruddy duck; hooded, and Amer. merganser; sharp-shinned, red-tl., red-bellied, and sparrow hawks; golden eagle; coot; killdeer; glaucous-wg. and ring-bl. gulls; band-tailed pigeon; mourning dove; belted kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; Calif., hairy, downy, and Nuttall woodpeckers; black and say phoebe; scrub-jay; crow; plain titmouse; bush-tit; white-br. nuthatch; wren-tit; robin; varied and hermit thrushes; west. bluebird; ruby-cr. kinglet; Amer. pipit; loggerhead shrike; Audubon warbler; west. meadowlark; red-winged and Brewer blackbird; house finch; pine siskin; green-backed goldfinch; spotted, and brown towhees, Ore. junco; lark, rufous-cr., white-cr., golden-cr., and song sparrows.

— HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Leader and Historian*.

EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS: Many interesting bulletins are received from all parts of the country, and are available to the members for perusal or circulation at the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A place has been provided for them through the courtesy of Miss Alice Mumford, Curator.

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These will be voted upon at the January meeting.

OBSERVATIONS

Edited by MRS. JUNE W. KELLY

Osprey and Pigmy Nuthatches, Oct. 26, Alpine Lake, Marin Co.; White-tailed Kite, 2 Lincoln Sparrows near Napa, 1 Red-naped Sapsucker, 16 Wood ducks, Conn Lake, Nov. 2; 1 Duck Hawk, Nov. 4, Albany; Common Loon, Spotted Sandpiper, Bon Tempe Lake, 3 Hooded Mergansers, Phoenix Lake, Nov. 8; Golden Eagle, Altamont Pass, Nov. 16; Amer. Rough-legged Hawk, near Pescadero, Nov. 28; Horned Grebe, Berkeley Yacht Harbor, Nov. 30; 2 partial albinos, Tilden Park, Nov. 27, one a Sharp-shinned Hawk with white feathers in both wings, so that when perched, looked like a series of white spots. (Saw same or similar bird near same place Jan. 3, 1948.); other albino a male Oregon Junco with a white crescent on upper breast within dark area; A. Laurence Curl.

Harris Sparrow, Oct. 15 and again a week later, between Observatory and Haviland Hall, Berkeley Campus, Herbert Wong.

One Red Phalarope, Dec. 7, west end Alameda, Bob Traxal.

One Red Phalarope, Dec. 7, Berkeley garden, (soon died), Lillian Henningsen.

Bush-tits building nest in Alameda, Dec. 12, June W. Kelly.

"THE CODORNICES", (in honor of the California Quail), the new publication issued by the California Office of the National Audubon Society, "welcomes all Audubon members and friends to visit and enjoy the many interesting items on display at 693 Sutter St., San Francisco, and to browse through the nature books. The guest book shows names from all parts of California, other states, and overseas. Come and register your names with the notables! This is *your* office."

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JEWEL LAKE SITUATION

After listening to considerable discussion over the protracted dry state of Jewel Lake in Tilden Park, both at the Cooper Club and at our December meeting, the writer offered to contact his brother naturalist Jack Parker and inquire concerning the future of this nearby waterfowl hostel. As a result, Naturalist Parker reports that the cat-tail control program is finished for the present, the lake is refilled, and the welcome mat is out for both birds and Audubonites. Furthermore, the open auto gate and contractor's signs do not presage any subdivision or freeway development in that area, but are necessary evils during the current repairs to the Eastbay M. U. D. tunnel just below Jewel Lake.

PAUL P. COVEL

JANUARY MEETING

The 424th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, Oak and 14th Streets, on January 8th, at 7:30 p.m. Following the annual business meeting, Mrs. Ruth Faulhl will present the color film, "Camera Notes on Hawaiian Birds", which she made in collaboration with Mr. George Sonada. No-host dinner at Zerikote's on Lake Merritt at six o'clock.

DOROTHY DEAN SCOTT, *Program Chairman.*

TOMALES BAY TRIP

On Sunday, January 11, to Tomales Bay and vicinity, particularly to Tomales Point if the weather permits. Meet at the hotel in Point Reyes Station at 9:30. From San Francisco take 7:35 bus to Point Reyes Station.

This trip usually nets us an unusually large list of species, including Harlequin Duck, Holboell Grebe, Black Oyster-catcher, etc. Should bad weather prevent the trip to the point, alternate trips to Point Reyes and the eastern shore of Tomales Bay can be taken.

Leader, Larry Curl, Landscape 6-7004. Bring lunch, warm drink, warm clothing, binoculars, telescopes, and interested friends.

LAKE MERRITT TRIP

On Saturday, January 31, to Lake Merritt in Oakland. Here is a good chance to learn more about waterfowl through the opportunity to observe them closely at this city refuge. Most of the species should be through their "eclipse" phase and once again in their best plumage.

Meet at 9:30 at the duck feeding station. Take 8:55 "B" train from San Francisco and get off at Perkins St., and Grand Ave. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Field Trips Chairman.*

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